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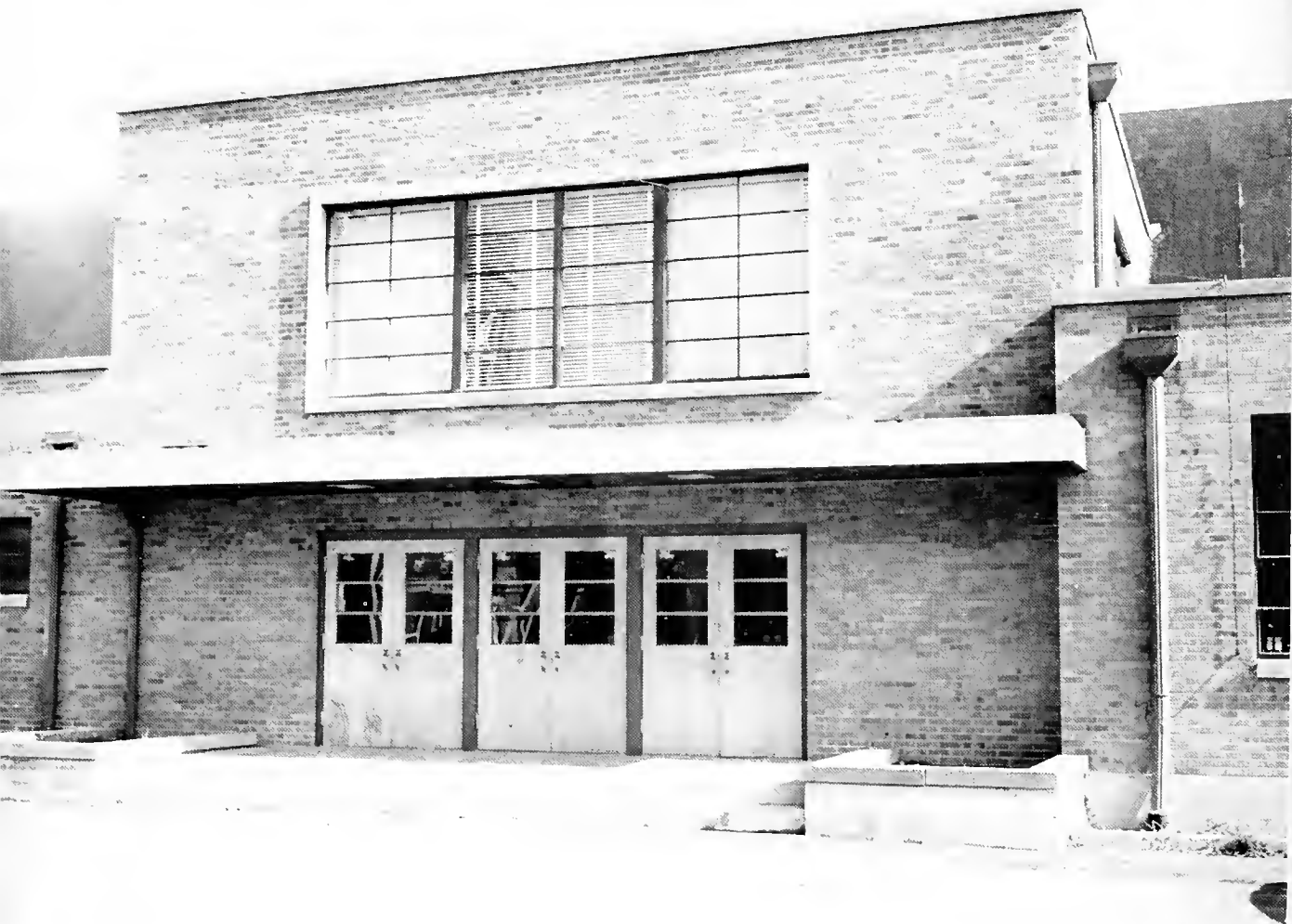
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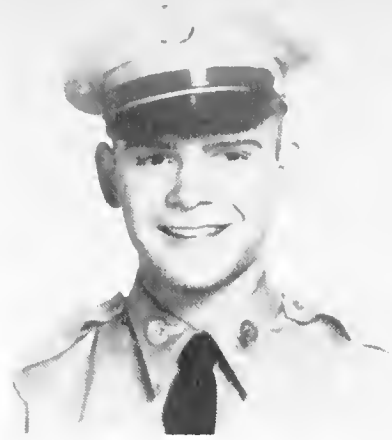


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As those before us have gone

Sitting, left to right: R. Mankey, N. Confer, D. Smith, R. Werling, M. Wickliffe, B. Hoopengardner, S. Mahnensmith, R. Lloyd, D. Keller, C. Werling, C. Rinehart, W. France, G. Springer, S. Wilson, B. Follis, J. McBride, N. Shaffer, R. Wegman. Standing: D. Todd, J. Reimschisel, B. Cable, B. Bryan, R. Fenton, L. Curry, B. Rodda, R. Bryant, B. Geisel, K. Spencer, G. Hilsmier, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Benson, Mrs. Benson, Mr. Donaghy, Mrs. Donaghy, G. Bauermiester, W. Graft, N. Werling, D. Milholland, R. Smith, E. Thiele, V. Scherrer, L. Hunter, D. Braun.





Jean Marquardt and Dolores Moser give the low-down on Senior life to underclassmen Spuller and Zimmerman.

This also is their goal

F.H.A. girls show off new styles at F.H.A. hat party.



Many interesting bits of conversation may be heard from groups like these.

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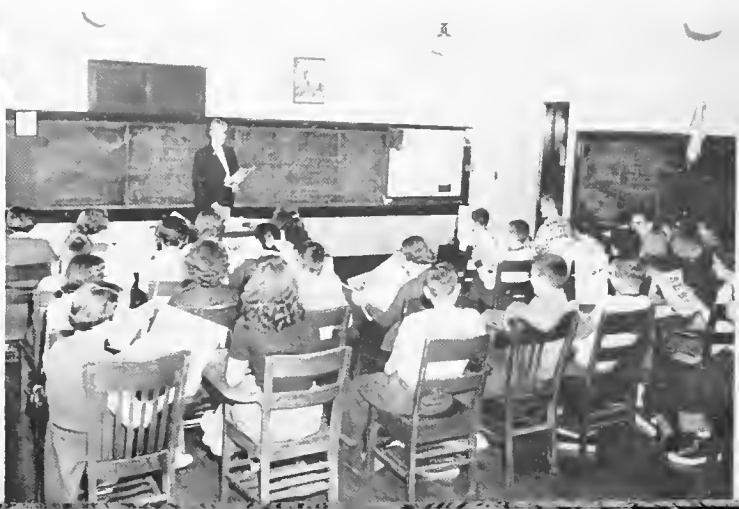
Pep Session is over. Everyone must hurry to his fifth period class.

as they go through their day

A typical picture of the Sophomore class???



Our studious Eighth grade catch up on the current events.





Like a winning run in
baseball, or



another field goal in
basketball creates
excitement in the
stands.

Our activities and

The good food at lunch time creates
excitement in our cafeteria.



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Getting their noon exercise.

actions prepare us

These couples seem to be enjoying the dance. How 'bout it, Norbert?



Noon league begins with a whistle, a jump and they're off!!!

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Keep trying kids, someone surely will buy one sooner or later (probably later).

While produce sales furnish our

Behind bars in the concession booth.



Supervised by Warden Fullhart.

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Christmas cards
are sold by Seniors.



Money as we learn salesmanship



Getting a percentage
on a skating party.



Typical noon hour for Junior girls.

But we still have room for



Where did the ball go???

How do you rate, Mr. Lee.



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Things start to roughen up
a bit (Ossian-Elmhurst).



friendship and sportsmanship

Choosing your class ring
takes time and patience.



Guess Who???

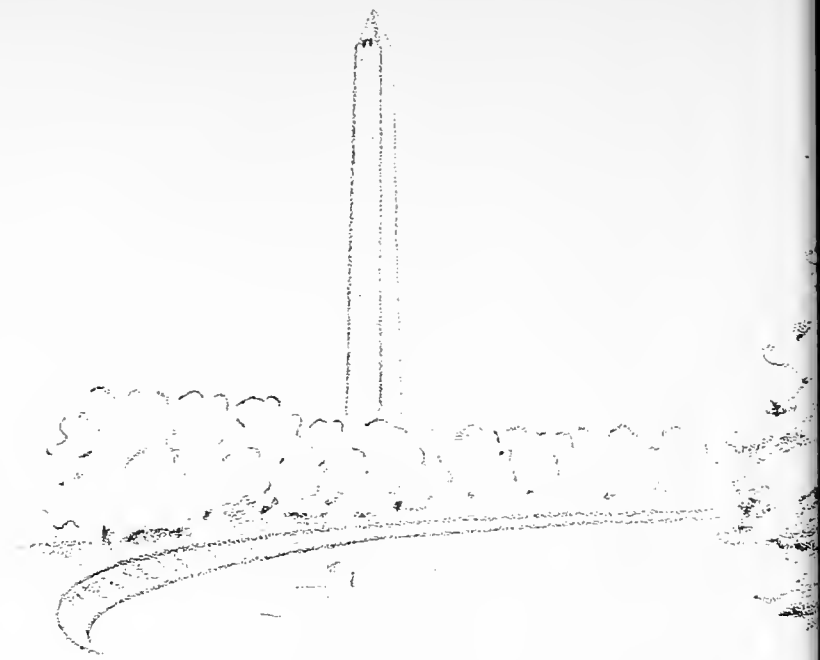


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do at noon hour.

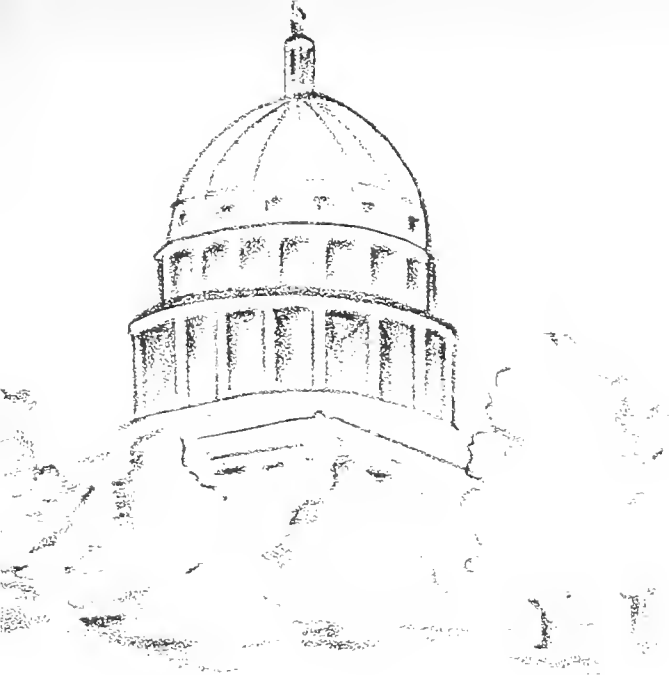


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SENIORS

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New members were initiated this past year bringing our enrollment to 84.

A joint meeting was held with the Sunshine girls, for a panel discussion, as our February meeting. Many interesting viewpoints were given on the subjects of "Dating and Going Steady."

The feature event of the years of course was the Hi-Y Best Girl Banquet.

FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES

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Top: JUNIORS—SENIORS
 Bottom: FRESHMEN—SOPHOMORES

Sunshine Society towards higher standards

The Sunshine Chapter was very active during the past year with enrollment steadily increasing to 79 members.

With the help of our sponsors, Mrs. Coblentz and Mrs. Mead, many worthwhile and enjoyable projects were completed.

One of the outstanding events the girls enjoyed this year for the first time, was the "Sunshine Best Beau Banquet." It was so successful that it will undoubtedly be an annual event from now on.

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Bottom row, left to right: D. Elzey, L. Mackey, A. Lloyd, C. Adams, J. Young, V. Dettmer, N. Rinehart, D. Lassiter, S. Hower, L. Smith. Second row: Mrs. Harrah, C. Hilsmier, B. Schuller, J. Rutledge, N. Donaghy, G. Dawson, C. Eichler, I. Carnes, D. Bryant, J. Johnson. Third row: G. Bryant, R. Franke, C. Follis, K. Mackey, J. Herbst, A. Marquardt, J. Shadday, D. Mechling, B. Dawson. Fourth row: J. Graft, S. Quackenbush, S. Imel, G. Mechling, M. Durr, L. Lindemann, R. Kreigh, S. Brantley, D. Springer, S. Graft, R. Woodward. Fifth row: C. Kizer, L. Genth, L. Smith, O. Merrill, C. DeBolt, D. Moser, M. Baumgardner.

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Joel Drayer
Delbert Thiele
Delin Franke
Mr. Coleman



and the Future Farmers of America

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We, the Oracle Staff, have worked hard in trying to make this yearbook a success. We have enjoyed the organization of this book as completely as we hope you will enjoy looking at it.





Month by month you are kept informed by the "Bear Facts"

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	ling.
Sponsor	Miss Glass

During the past year the Bear Facts Staff has been on the alert to bring you all of the important events. Basketball, Baseball, Assembly Programs, and many of the smaller happenings that help to make our school a more interesting place.





The Night of January 16

The Senior Class of 1954 presented the play called, "The Night of January Sixteenth," on April 2, under the direction of Miss Ruby Glass.

The subject of the play was a murder trial with the jury being twelve adults from the audience. During professional performances of this play, such famous people as Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, and Helen Keller have served on the jury.

PLAY CAST

Karen Andre	Mildred Wickliffe
Prosecuting Attorney	Bill Rodda
Prison Matron	Carol Rinehart
Bailiff	Dick Todd
Judge Heath	Kent Spencer
Flint's Secretary	Carol Werling
Defense Attorney	Larry Hunter
His Secretary	Janet McBride
Clerk of the Court	Gene Hilsmier
Dr. Kirkland	Bob Bryan
Mrs. John Hutchins	Bonnie Follis

Nancy Lee Faulkner	Betty Hoopingardner
Homer Van Fleet	Verlin Scherrer
Elmer Sweeny	Roger Fenton
Magda Svenson	Ruth Werling
John Graham Whitfield	Don Milholland
Jane Chandler	Sharron Mahnensmith
Sizurd Jungquist	Norman Werling
Larry Regan	Larry Curry
Roberta Van Rensselaer	Sunya Wilson
Stenographer	Dixie Smith
Court Attendant	Carl Dawson

Policeman Ross Bryant





Juniors in the "Stag Line"

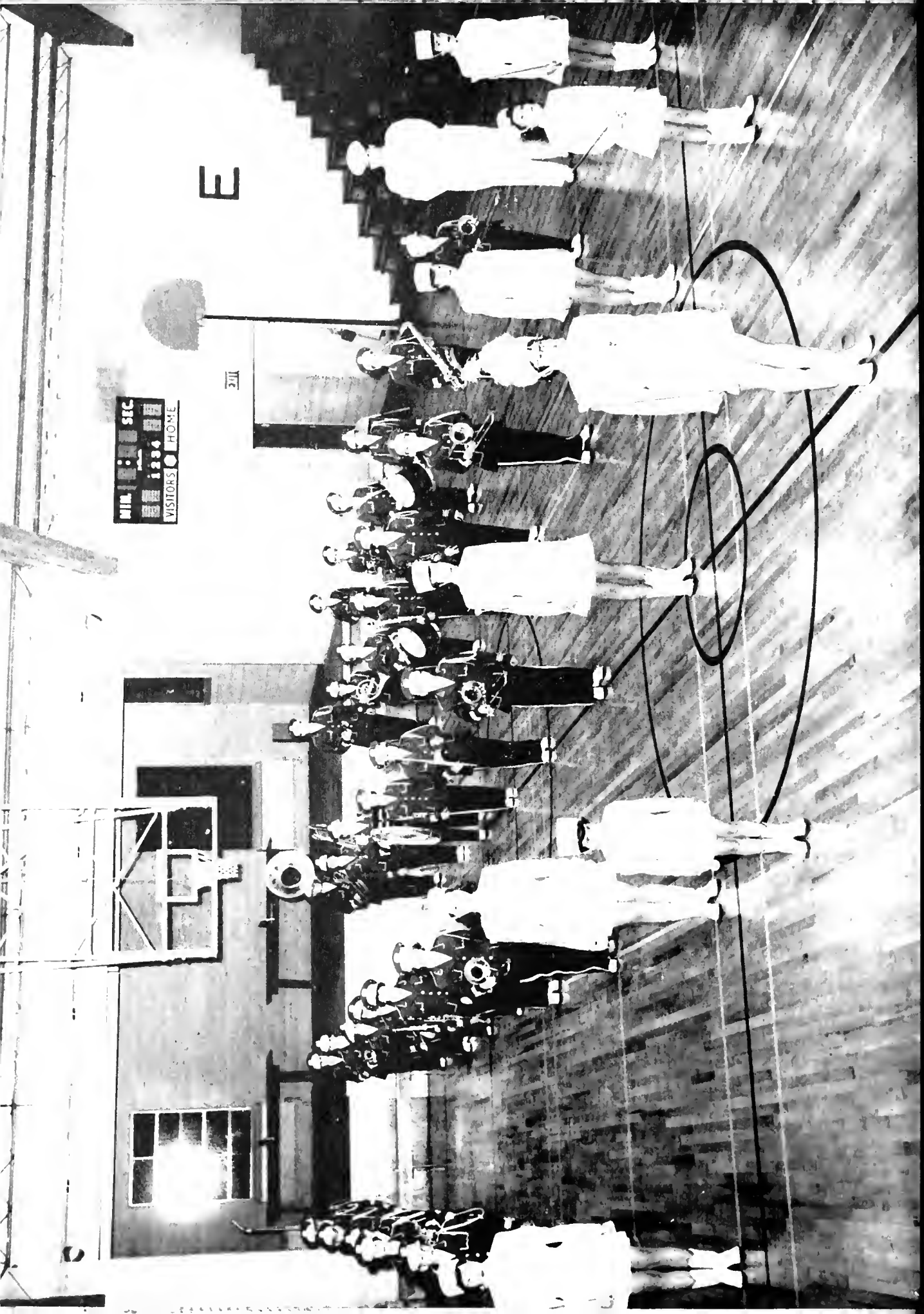
"Stag Line," a three-act comedy, was presented by the Junior Class of Ossian High School, on October 15 and 16, 1954. It was given under the direction of Mrs. Budge Mead.

The play was based on a wedding which was to take place, when a conflict arose between the groom and the best man. The play ended with everyone getting "his man."

PLAY CAST

Mrs. Mason, Mother	Rosalie Franke
Mr. Mason, Dad	Alden Myers
Maudie	Linda Smith
Sylvia	Carol Follis
Alix	Valera Dettmer
Julie	Rose Marie Woodward
Lysbeth	Lutisha Mackey
Ting	Sandra Shaffer
Carol	Wanda Werling
Ronald	Tom Woodward
Mrs. Farrington Smith	Anita Lloyd
Smitty	Lou Ann Archbold
Davy	Ray Biberstine
Chi	Bill Donaghy
Jerry	Stephen Earl
Mac	Jerry Sorlie
Margaret	Delora Mechling
Snoots	Bill Milholland





First row, left to right: L. Smith. Second row: G. Andes, R. Berkheiser. Third row: R. Woodward, B. Williams, J. Herbst, J. Morgan, L. Mahnensmith. Fourth row: A. VanMeter, J. Dawson, D. Studebaker, D. Simerman, L. DeBolt. Fifth row: C. Follis, K. Rodda, J. Bark, J. Weinland, T. Albert. Sixth row: T. Studebaker, B. Woodward, S. Kizer, S. Williams, J. Hostetter. Seventh row: R. Walker, A. Drayer, S. Ross, S. Shadday, B. Hoopengardner. Eighth row: L. Pasko, P. Gallacher, N. Smith, C. Hostetter, D. Wilson. Ninth row: L. Archbold, M. Daun, J. Drayer, A. Myers, D. Benson, Keith Fox, Band Director.

A goal is reached

The Ossian Band, under the direction of Mr. Keith Fox, has accomplished the goal set a number of years ago. This goal was to raise enough money for the purchase of band uniforms.

The uniforms were first worn at the Ossian-Roanoke game. During the season, the Band performed at ball games, County Tourney, Christmas Program, and the Music Festival.

The band is proud of their success achieved through constant rehearsing and perseverance.

Our achievements were helped greatly through the untiring efforts of the Band Parents and Twirlers Association.

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DANCE BAND:

First row: B. Woodward, T. Studebaker, C. Follis, L. Archbold, M. Daun, A. Meyers. Second row: Mr. Fox, Director; Miss West. Third row: J. Drayer, R. Walker, S. Ross. Singers: L. Wilson, L. Lindemann.





GLEE CLUB

First row: C. Houser, N. McBride, N. Lipp, W. Paxson, W. Werling, Miss West, Director: C. Debolt, M. Daun, J. Young, B. Meyer, R. Woodward, S. Ross. Second row: J. Bowman, C. Adams, L. Archbold, D. Elzey, R. Franke, A. Lloyd, P. Braun, S. Imel, D. Meyer, C. Follis, L. Smith. Third row: J. Drayer, B. Ginzel, R. Biberstine, D. Dettmer, L. Fenton, A. Meyers, R. Fenton, L. Wilson, B. Shutt, T. Arnold.

Music organizations have been active throughout the year. The annual visit to the Methodist Home in Warren was on November 21, where the group sang a complete program. Other engagements were the W.C.T.U. State Convention in Bluffton, the Christmas Concert, County Music Festival, a formal concert, and Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises.

Once again a busy and successful year is concluded by the Music Department of O.H.S.

For your enjoyment

GIRLS' CHORUS

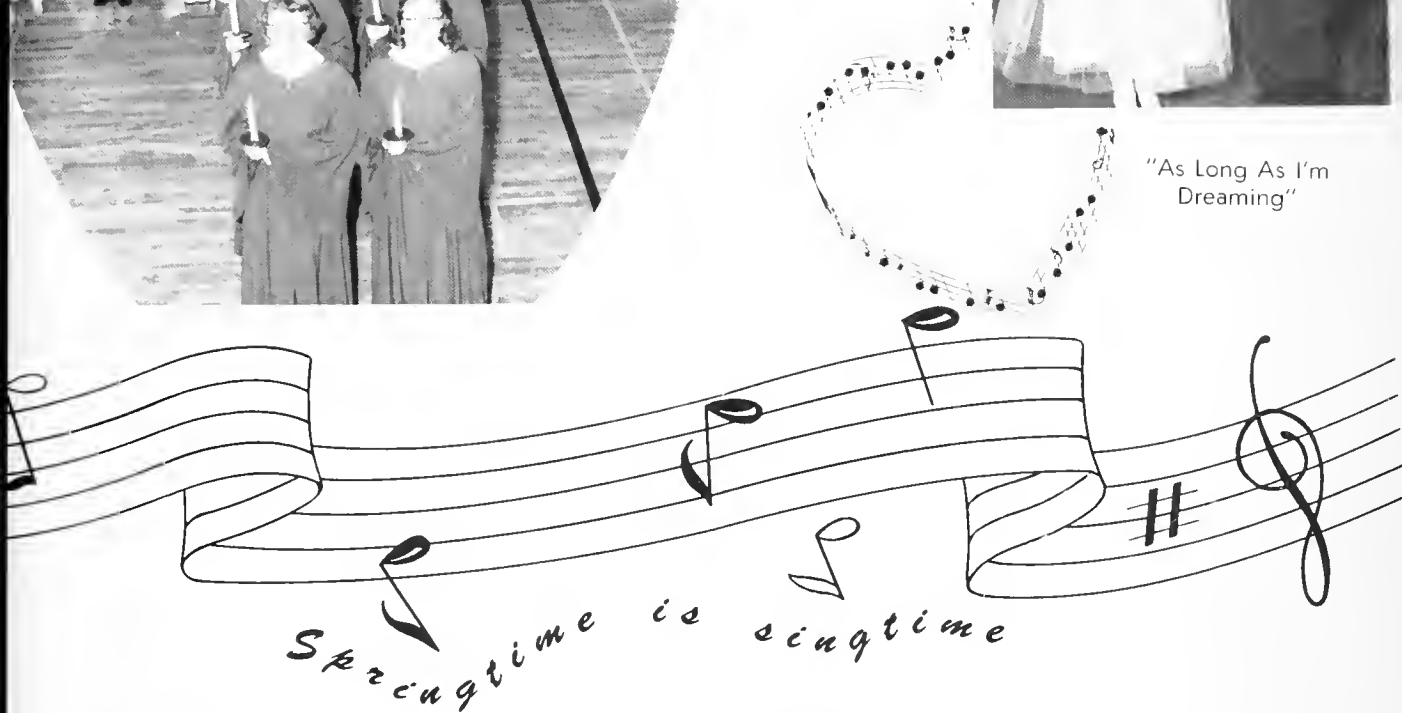
First row: C. Myers, D. Elzey, L. Archbold, A. Lloyd, R. Franke, P. Braun, W. Werling, L. Smith. Second row: Miss West, Director; J. Young, L. Genth, M. Durr, L. Lindamann, C. Adam, C. Follis, J. Bowman, R. Woodward, J. Graft. Third row: S. Imel, S. Quackenbush, C. Debolt, C. Houser, G. Behning, J. Johnson, D. Meyer, B. Meyer, S. Ross, M. Daun.



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"As Long As I'm Dreaming"



On March 11th a formal concert was presented by the Ossian Glee Club and other musical organizations.

Under the direction of Miss Dorothy West the all vocal cast presented a variety of popular numbers.

"A pretty Girl Is Like A Melody"



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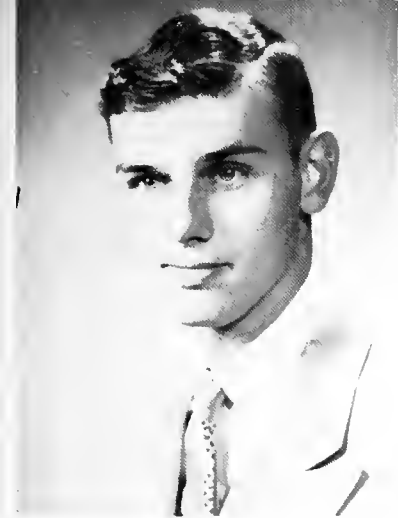
Bottom row: Miss West, Byron Genzil, Ray Biberstine, Larry Fenton, Don Dettmer, Alden Meyers, Ralph Fenton, Larry Wilson. Second row: Norman McBride, Richard Walker, Norman Lipp, Robert Shutt, Tom Arnold, Joel Drayer, Wayne Paxson.



LIBRARIANS

Miss Glass, Ralph Thiele, Joyce Bowman, Sandra Shaffer, Valera Dettmer, Pat Glass.





BOB BRYAN was chosen by a student vote to receive the Goodfellowship Award of 1953-54. The award was based on the characteristics of thoughtfulness, sportsmanship, unselfishness, and sense of humor.



BONNIE FOLLIS received the American Legion Goodfellowship for the girls at the end of the school year of 1953-54.



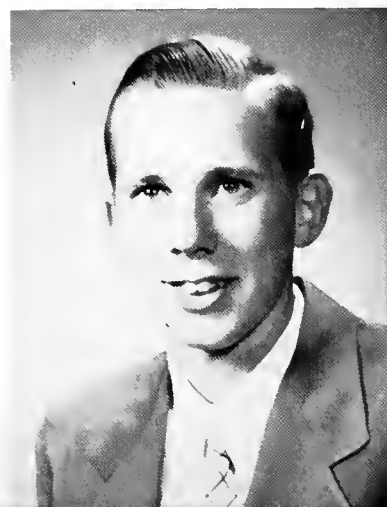
GUILIA BRYANT was the winner of Ossian's annual American Legion Oratorical contest for 1954-55. The title of her speech was, "The Constitution—Guardian of the People's Rights." On February 10, Guilia also won the county contest.

Our D.A.R. Good Citizen award for 1954-55 was given to CAROL MYERS. Carol was chosen because of her dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

BILL RODDA received the American Legion Goodfellowship Award for the boys at the close of 1953-54.



WILLIAM RODDA
AND SONS
Ossian, Indiana





Bottom row: Rex Kreigh, Clarence Fate, David Sills, Larry DeBolt, Ross Andrews, Jerry Kleinght, Don Heckbar, David Simerman, Walter Sills, David Hoopengardner, Lester Berkheiser. Second row: Barbara Schuller, Georgianna Dawson, Judy Graft, Delin Franke, Delbert Thiele, Ralph Thiele, John Ginzel, Mr. Coleman, Lynn Shutt. Third row: Rosalie Franke, Robert Shutt, John Fosnight, Bill Donaghy, Joel Drayer, Larry Wilson, Lloyd Hendricks, Amos Werling. Fourth row: Larry Fuller, Ralph Fenton, Robert Schuller, Richard Thiele, Ervin Werling, Byron Ginzel, Roger Reimschisel.

Building future citizens with

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News Reporter	Byron Ginzel
Song Leaders	Barbara Schuller, Robert Schuller
Adult Leader	Mr. Coleman





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<i>Recreational Leader</i>	Jackie Weinland
<i>Song Leaders</i>	Joan Hostetter, Rosalie Franke

4-H groups

Top row: Ruth Ann Kreigh, Marlene Clark, Deanna Bryant, Beverly Isnogle, Jackie Weinland, Margaret Resler, Sandra Brantley, Wanda Clark, Bessie Dawson. Second row: Guilia Bryant, Rosalie Franke, Carol Follis, Judy Graft, Kay Mackey, Judy Herbst, Anna Marquardt, Janet Shadday, Inez Carnes, Judy Earhart. Third row: Mrs. Harrah, Carolyn Hilsmier, Barbara Schuller, Janice Rutledge, Sue Isnogle, Joan Hostetter, Sue McClintock, Caryl Habegger, Mary Fate, Jean Shorey, Darlene Biberstine. Fourth row: Judy Simerman, Rose Marie Sills, Nancy Donaghy, Carolyn Hamilton, Carolyn Hostetter, Ruth Reinhart, Rita Swaim, Becky Benson, Jean Hatfield, Elaine Pulfer, Liebanie White, Judy Pulfer, Joan Shorey.



These People work toward a common goal

We all have a common goal—the day when we leave on our Senior Trip. In a sense for twelve years you prepared for it but only in your last four years do you really plan your work. You sell pins, sweaters, Christmas cards, stationery, and other articles. You take care of the concession stand and sell ice cream, candy, popcorn, and pop at the ball games.

We also work in school—in our studies, our clubs, and our sports. Although these do not bring in money for our trip they do enrich us to the extent that we can understand the things we see.

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The School is cleared completely during a fire-drill.



The Sunshine and F.H.A. members are shown wearing their own individually styled hats at one of their combined parties.



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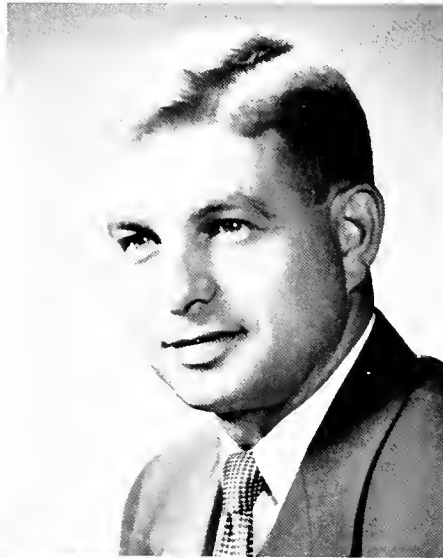
If you can't find her in the office she will probably be duplicating, mimeographing, running errands in general, or taking money to the bank, in addition to keeping up the school's records.



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Purdue University



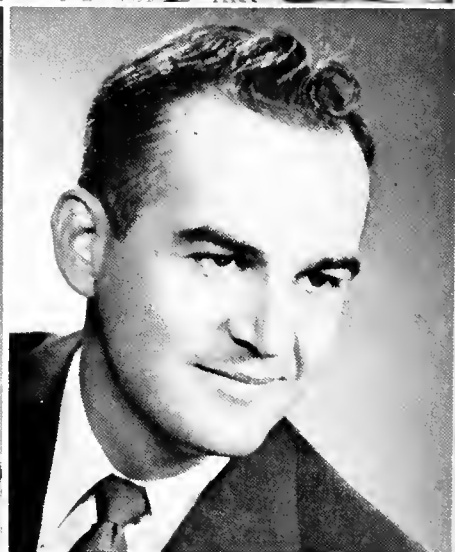
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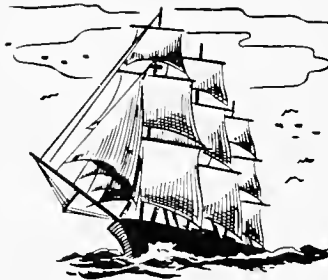
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9. Judy Graft
10. Shirley Imel

11. Betty Meyers
12. Ervin Werling
13. Doris Meyers
14. Kay Mackey
15. Shirley Ross
16. Delin Franke
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the ocean lies beyond"

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 Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER
 Pink Carnation

The Seniors are ready to march at the
 Bluffton Street Fair





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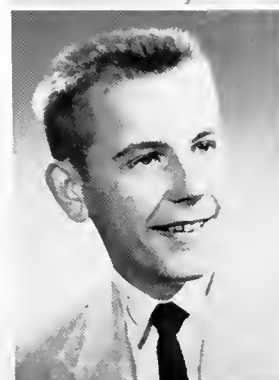
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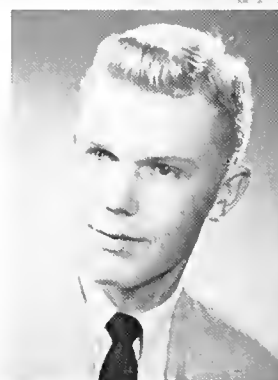
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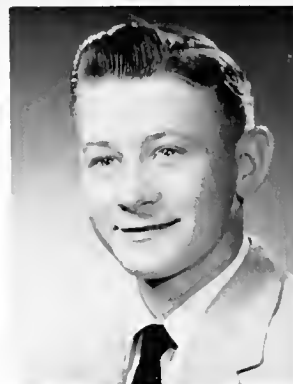
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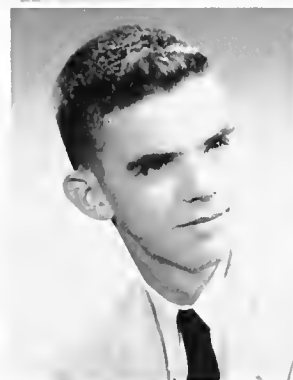
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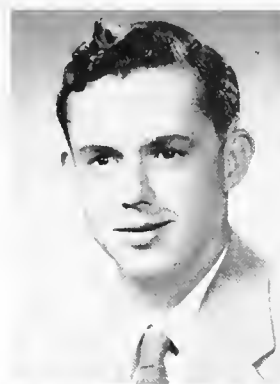


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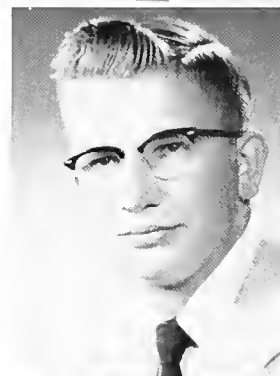
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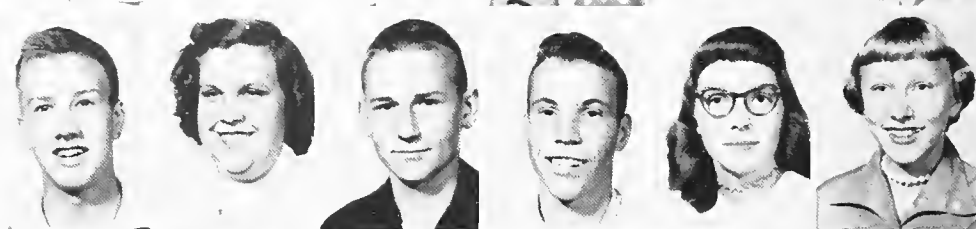


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Happily the Sophomores plod onward

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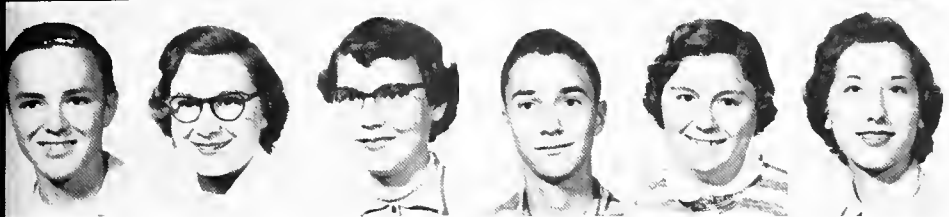
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First row: Adella Drayer, Rebecca Woodward, Linda Archbold, Sue Isnogle, Joan Hostetter, Margaret Henry, Janice Hilsmier, Linda Mahnensmith, Lois McBride. Second row: Karen Rodda, Carolyn Deutch, Becky Drage, Carol Reed, Pat Gallacher, Barbara Williams, Joyce Morgan, Nancy Smith, Ruth Rupright, Carolyn Mechling. Third row: Paul Long, Joe Thrasher, David Hoopengardner, Paul Wilson, Lester Berkheiser, Jerry Mahnensmith, Bradley Blair, Wayne Lassiter, Bill Crane, Lynn Shutt. Absent: Lowell Hilsmier, Jerry Gerwig, Jerry Miller.

The Junior High awaits their turn

Top row: Billy Connett, Roger Eibling, Johnny Woodward, Donald Walker, Sammy Arnold, Don Heckber, Walter Sills, Tommy Johnson, Larry Geisel, Lynn Jarrett, Dick Milholland, David Biberstine, Duane Studebaker, Denny Wilson, Joe Fosnight. Second row: Donnie Hoopengardner, Terry Herbst, Arlyn Reinhard, Rex Swaim, Judy Young, Peggy Caley, Nancy Burke, Karen McAfee, Caryl Habegger, Carolyn Hamilton, Frances Carney, Bette Roussey, David Simerman. Third row: Tom Shoe, Margaret Resler, Sue McClintock, Darlene Biberstine, Helen Graft, Janice Pugh, Jane Schorey, Joanne Fate, Jean Schorey, Judy Pulfer, Donna Walker, Jerry Hetrick.

SEVENTH GRADE





SIXTH
GRADE

Bottom row: Max Reimschisel, George Fuller, George Johnson, Jimmy Stoppenhagen, Steve Gibson, David Durr, Danny Woodward, Ronald Ryckman. Second row: Gladys Herbst, Ruth Ann Reinhard, Sharon Kizer, Sandra Wilson, Karen Gibson, Rose Marie Sills, Janet Daily, Sally Imel, Myrna Shoe. Third row: Carolyn Hostetter, Sally Shadday, Judy Earhart, Judy Smith, Karen Kovacs, Joyce Johnson, Jacqueline Weinland, Karen Gresley, Judy Bark, Keith McBride. Fourth row: Tommy Albert, Judy Simerman, Eldon Van Meter, James Deihl, Jerry Kleinight, Richard Nern, Janis Thrasher, Susan Nern, John Smith, Steven Archbold, Mr. Geisel.

while theirs is a longer wait

Top row: Ross Andrews, Steven Affolder, Gary Grove, Eddie Elliott, Robert Rupright, Dennis Gallacher, Rex Somers, Larry Haiflich, Larry DeBolt. Second row: Mrs. Fitch, Carla Jo Smith, Roger Manns, Herbert Heyerly, Diane Smith, Barbara Earl, Rita Swaim, Rex Kreigh. Third row: Sandra Williams, Lieban White, Jean Hatfield, Elaine Pulfer, Becky Benson, Sandra Pugh, Betty Zaugg, Judith Glass, Diane Cable.

FIFTH
GRADE





FOURTH GRADE

Bottom row: Carl Caley, Lew Simerman, Lloyd Van Meter, David Dailey, Terry Donaghy, Herb Fuller, Robert Smith, William Curry, Don Hilsmier. Second row: Cynthia Milholland, Beverly Milholland, Carol Eibling, Gay Walker, Janelle Shoe, Barbara Ryckman, Beverly Sowards, Joyce McBride, Claudia Wolf, Charlene Davis. Third row: Michael Johnson, Mickey Hower, Karen Pulfer, Kathleen Lydy, Barbara Fenton, Sally Woodward, Jane Hunter, Karen Kreigh, Penny Berger, Judith Kleinknight, Barbara Connett, Michael Andes, Mrs. Shadday. Fourth row: Robert Williams, Ray Durr, Ronald Rodda, Clarence Fate, James Trumbower, Darrell Drayer, Roger Simerman, John Isnogle, David Sills, Gene Reed, Jerral Blair, Glenn Carney, John Kreigh. Absent: Constance Hilsmier.

Top row: Mrs. Hoover, Bobby Melching, Steven King, Teddy Archbold, David Houser, Ronnie Roussey, Johnny Beck, Kenneth Deam, Freddie Woodward, Danny Urshel, Jimmy Glass, Larry Connett. Second row: Lanny Simerman, Johnny Green, Judy Watts, Rita Berkheiser, Helen Simerman, Sue Gentis, Mary Fabela, Karen Taylor, Mike Mickelson, Gene Stoppenhagen, Robert Huffman. Third row: Jean Anne Bond, Barbara Miller, Mona McIntire, Cheryl Weinland, Janet Drage, Pamela Smith, Rebecca Miller, Jovonna Gerwig, Gwen Andes, Donna Drayer. Absent: Donald Lydy.

THIRD GRADE



SECOND GRADE



Bottom row: Clara McBride, Cathy Ryckman, Bonnie Heckley, Bivian Fosnight, Margo Haines, Linda Baker, Marjorie Caley, Lynne Smith, Karen Shull. Second row: Mrs. Carnall, David Mackey, Wayne Hull, Lydia Slaughter, Jane Kizer, David Martin, Phyllis Myers, Terry Dishong, Alan Hunter, Larry Pugh. Third row: Danny Curry, Steven Miller, Pat Carney, Delin Elzey, Gene Hostetter, Michael Herbst, Tom Shafer, Jimmie Smith, Allan Johnson, Tom Beam. Absent: Carol Grim, Stephen Briner, Gary Waldron.

First and Second Graders work their way to the top

Top row: Tex Hunter, Bobby Don Young, Micke Ryckman, Jack Lydy, Tommy Bennett, David Coates, Stephen Huffman, Bobby Glass, Jimmy LeMaster. Second row: Miss Mahnensmith, Alan Hetrick, Rickey Smith, Sue Ann Heyerly, Pamela Moore, Jo Sue Mahnensmith, Orville Haiflich, Raymond Miller, David Droege. First row: Rita Botts, Ann Hunter, Melanie Durr, Nancy Wolf, Diane Pulfer, Rosa Fabela, Jeanne Fuller, Donna Murchland, Linda Martz, Kay Hoopingardner, Cynda Elder.



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Bus Drivers





First row: Guilia Bryant, Mary Daun, Mrs. Mahnensmith. Second row: Treva Studebaker, Carmon Houser, Sue Ann Quackenbush, Mrs. Hoover. Third row: Kay Mackey, Belva Barnhart, Shirley Imel. Fourth row: Shirley Ross, Ralph Fenton, Rooksby Mackey, John Fosnight, Robert Shutt, Jim Mahnensmith, Carolyn Simerman.

We bid thee farewell

The seniors bid a long farewell to their underclassmen who are left behind to enjoy the same privileges and happiness that we have shared with them.

From the first grade until graduation we have grown, not only physically but in knowledge as well. We have worked, planned, and laughed together. Because of this we are ready to take that important trip in any student's life. It is one about which we have dreamed for many years. Yes, we are New York bound!

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

Bottom row: Mary Ann Martin, Donna Isnogle, Marsha Yaney, Garnet Mechling, Shirley Rohrbaugh, Carol Jo Fry, Marjorie Urshel, Carol Deam, Diana Hunter. Second row: Charles Rupright, Sharon Heckber, Tommy Pasko, Danny Cotton, Trudy Welbaum, Darlene Dailey, Susan Yager, Junior Earhart, Michael Hostetter. Third row: Charles Sills, Tom Hardin, Lynn Carney, Jimmy Jarrett, Freddy Jennart, Lloyd Krick, Bobby Trumbower, Dicky Beck, David Richey, Mark Ingle.



Second team produces thrills
for the fans also.



Come on ref', I was fouled.

Did he hit it or not?





Something new has been added!

Sports

Throughout the months
of all the year,
You hear the kids
all say
We're tired of books,
And tired of school,
We're tired of studies
too.
But give them five boys
with fire and pep,
And put them on the floor,
Or nine boys on a baseball squad
And their gripes you'll hear
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Saluting our Varsity

This year can be considered as one of the largest rebuilding jobs at Ossian for a number of years. Only two members of last year's County Champs were left after graduation. Last years "Cubs" contributed seven members to the Varsity. Graduating seniors this year are Jim Mahnensmith, Jon Rupright, Bob Strong.

SCORING*

Bauermeister	152
Rupright	137
Patten	99
VanMeter	94
Baumgardner	91
Strong	72
Sorlie	52
Marquardt	36
Mahnensmith	34
Gronau	17
Earl	16
Fosnight	3
Kumfer	1
Bryan	0

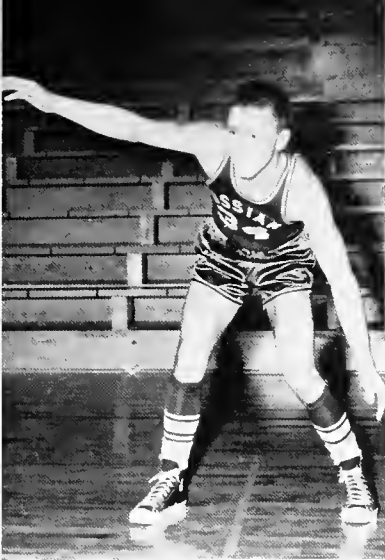
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BOB STRONG

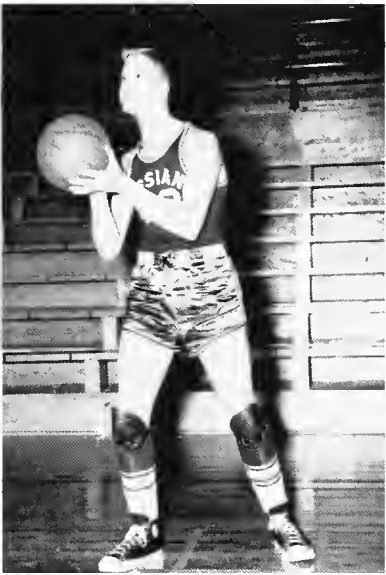
Senior . . . First year . . . fast on offense . . . guard or forward . . . good replacement or spot starter.



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JIM MAHNENSMITH
Senior . . . Second year . . .
rugged on both offense
and defense . . . fast at
guard position and fine re-
bounder at forward slot in
spite of size.



STEVE EARL
Junior . . . First year . . .
rugged of both boards . . .
good one-handed shot
from corner . . . played
mainly at forward post.



JON RUPRIGHT
Senior . . . Second year . . .
excellent set shot or drive-
in . . . fast on offense or
defense . . . one of high
scorers for year.

He won't stop
that one!





TERRY GRONAU

Junior . . . First year . . . after fine work with "Cubs," promoted to "Varsity" in middle of year . . . excellent jump shot . . . fine rebounder . . . pivot or forward.

Everybody watch now.

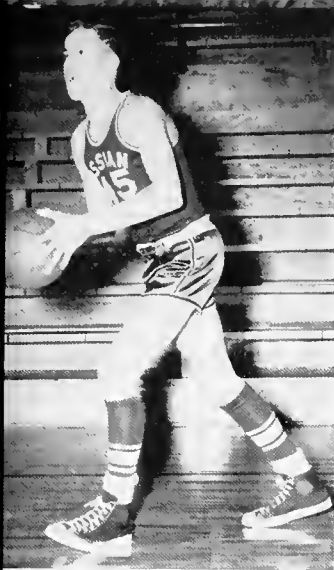


DANNY BAUMGARDNER

Sophomore . . . First year . . . accurate on drive-in shot . . . good set shot . . . good rebounder in spite of size . . . guard.

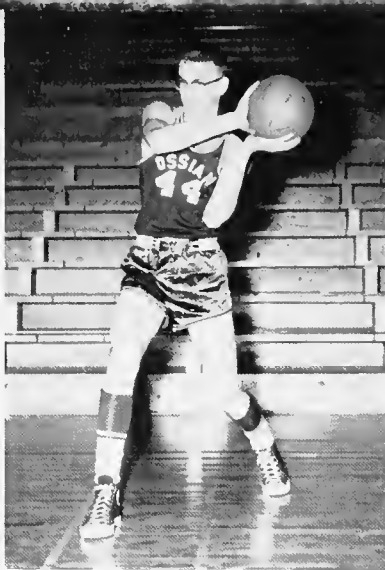
DAROL VAN METER
Freshman . . . First year . . . another late addition to "Varsity" . . . good shot and high scorer on numerous occasions . . . guard or forward.





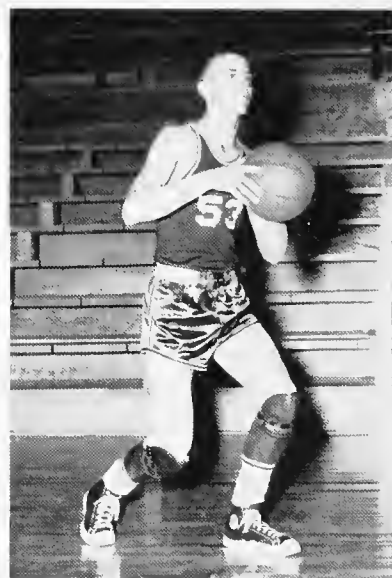
JERRY SORLIE

Junior . . . First year . . .
good rebounder . . . forward
and sometimes guard.



BOB PATTEN

Sophomore . . . First year
. . . biggest man on squad
. . . good jump shot . . .
plays pivot or forward.



NORWIN BAUERMEISTER

Junior . . . First year . . .
fine one-handed corner
shot . . . rugged under the
boards at either pivot or
forward post . . . one of
seasons high scorers.

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Cubs



Kneeling: A. Fries, L. Kumfer, L. Hendricks, T. Gronau, B. Milholland, Mr. Andes, Coach. Standing: J. Hunter, J. Reimschisel, T. McAfee, D. VanMeter, B. Bryan, C. Henry, R. Somers.

The '54-'55 edition of our Cubs started off the season with a bang, running up an 8 won-2 lost record. After numerous raids from the Varsity, which took Gronau and Van Meter for regulars and Kumfer and Bryan as replacements for injured players, the undermanned Cubs dropped six straight games to post at the present an 8 won 8 lost record.

To date the Teddybears have a 4 won 9 lost record. The "B" team won 1 and lost 1. The Teddybears victories were over Petroleum, Bluffton, Lancaster, and Popular Grove. Moving up to High School level next year are Dave Hoopengardner, Crane, Lassister, Shutt, Mahnensmith, Blair, Berkheiser, and Thrasher.

Teddybears

Left to right: D. Wilson, J. Woodward, D. Hoopengardner, W. Crane, W. Lassiter, L. Shutt, J. Mahnensmith, Mr. Cozad, Coach, B. Blair, D. Milholland, L. Berkheiser, L. Geisel, J. Thrasher, D. Hoopengardner, A. Reinhard. Cheerleaders, left to right: A. Drayer, M. Fate, D. Walker, B. Woodward.



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Yell Leaders

Left to right: Christine Kizer, Cor-
ky Barnhart, Carol Myers.





First row: Schorey, T. McAfee, J. Hunter, A. Fries, B. Strong, N. Bauermeister, L. Hilsmier, H. Andes, Coach. Second row: T. Woodward, Manager, D. VanMeter, S. Earl, D. Baumgardner, J. Rupright, B. Patten, G. Marquardt, C. Henry, B. Johnson. Absent when picture was taken: Warren Bailey.

With six returning lettermen and a good crop of freshmen the 1954 edition of our baseball team turned out a respectable 5 won-2 lost record. The team this year was made up of three freshmen, five sophomores, four juniors, and three seniors. Graduating seniors are Bob Strong, Jon Rupright, and Jean Marquardt.

Baseball

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	AB	H	Avg.	Yr.
Van Meter	29	15	.517	Frosh.
Earl	26	13	.500	Jr.
Baumgardner	24	12	.500	Soph.
Henry	26	11	.422	Soph.
Fries	12	4	.333	Soph.
Strong	9	3	.333	Sr.
Hunter	8	3	.325	Frosh.
Rupright	21	5	.238	Sr.
Patten	24	5	.208	Soph.
Johnson	6	1	.167	Jr.
McAfee	19	3	.158	Frosh.
Marquardt	18	3	.167	Sr.
Hilsmier	9	1	.111	Soph.
Bauermeister	21	1	.047	Jr.
Bailey	3	0	.000	Jr.
64	258	80	.310	

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Junior High Baseball

Standing: Sammy Arnold, Lynn Jarrett, Jerry Mahnensmith, Dick Milholland, Bradley Blair, Larry Geisel, Lynn Shutt, Bill Crane. Sitting: Wayne Lassiter, Joe Thresher, Arlyn Reinhard, Donald Walker, Denny Wilson, David Hoopengardner.

Last! But not least.

Production of this book has been work! Yet, work can be so arranged that it turns into fun. We have enjoyed working together with you in producing the 1955 "ORACLE." Yes, each one of you has taken part in putting together this book. Some gave pictures, others wrote copy, still others helped in small ways which helped the staff produce a better book.

We would like to thank the teachers who put up with the interruptions of their classes while we took our pictures for the book, also to all the people who gave ads or bought an annual. A special thanks goes to the Taylor Yearbook Co. and their representative, Mr. Gerald Powell, and the R.S.&M. photographers for their patience, helpful ideas, and their wonderful cooperation.

And last of all we thank you, the students of Ossian High School, for your support. As our theme states we hope you are soon happily . . .

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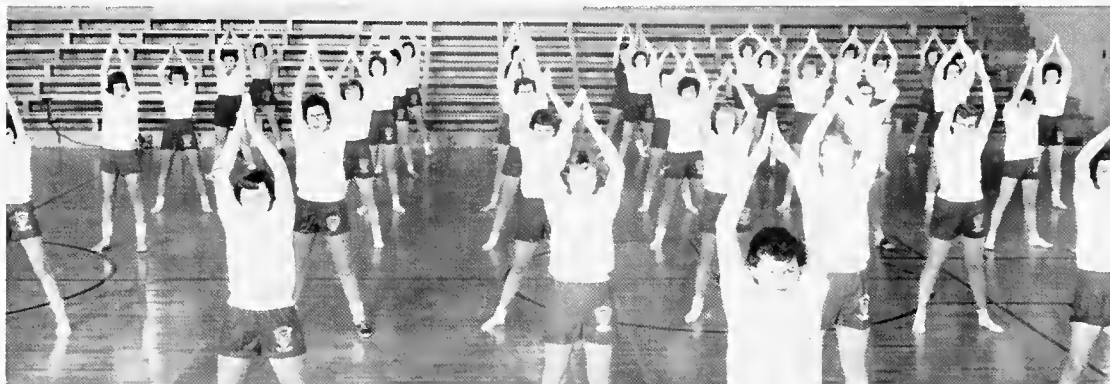
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